In the Claims:

CLAIMS.

I claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing financial data, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining a plurality of data points related to a security, each data point comprises associated data regarding the security;

designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of individual data points, not using an arithmetical pattern; and

examining the data of the chosen data point with the data of the reference data point, thereby producing a data analysis.

= discrete cluster points / regression

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim [[2]]1, further comprising the step of ordering the chosen individual data points according to an ordering function prior to the examining step, thereby producing an ordered series and an ordered position corresponding to each chosen individual data point.

4. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, further comprising the step of reporting the data analysis.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- %,

wherein "FROMPoint" is the reference point and "TOPoint" is each of the chosen individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- %,

wherein "TOPoint" is the reference point and "FROMPoint" is each of the chosen individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

9. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the reference point further comprises a plurality of reference individual data points, there being a one-to-one correspondence between the reference individual data points and the chosen individual data points.

10. (Original) The method as described in claim 9, wherein the examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- %

wherein each pair of "FROMPoint" and "TOPoint" are each corresponding reference individual data point and chosen individual data point.

11. (Original) The method as described in claim 9, wherein the examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

((FROMPoint-TOPoint)/TOPoint)*100 = +/- %

wherein each pair of "TOPoint" and "FROMPoint" are each corresponding reference individual data point and chosen individual data point.

12. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the ordering function comprises date order and each data point comprises the value

of the security at a specific date.

13. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the ordering function comprises date-and-time order and each data point comprises a value of the security at a specific date and time.

14. (Original) The method as described in claim 3, further comprising the step of exporting the data analysis to a second method of analyzing financial data.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing financial data, the system comprising:

a means for obtaining a plurality of data points related to a security, each data point comprising associated data regarding the security;

a means for designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

a means for choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of chosen data points, not using an arithmetical pattern;

a means for examining the data corresponding to the reference data point with the data corresponding to the chosen data point, thereby producing a data analysis.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim [[16]]15, wherein the examining means comprises a means for ordering the chosen data points according to an ordering function, thereby producing an ordered series and an ordered position corresponding to each chosen individual data point.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed

by the equation

((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- %,

wherein "FROMPoint" is the reference point and "TOPoint" is each of the chosen individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

21. (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed by the equation

((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- %,

wherein "TOPoint" is the reference point and "FROMPoint" is each of the chosen individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

22. (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the reference point further comprises a plurality of reference individual data points, there being a one-to-one correspondence between the reference individual data points and the chosen individual data points.

23. (Original) The system as described in claim 22, wherein the examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed by the equation

((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- %

wherein each pair of "FROMPoint" and "TOPoint" are each corresponding reference individual data point and chosen individual data point.

24. (Original) The system as described in claim 22, wherein the examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed by the equation

((FROMPoint-TOPoint)/TOPoint)*100 = +/- %

wherein each pair of "TOPoint" and "FROMPoint" are each corresponding reference individual data point and chosen individual data point.

25. (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the ordering function comprises date order and each data point comprises a value of the security on a specific date.

26. (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the ordering function comprises date-and-time order and each data point comprises a value of the security at a specific date and time.

27. (Original) The system as described in claim 17, further comprising a means for exporting the data analysis to a second means of analyzing financial data.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing data of a category, the system comprising the steps of:

obtaining a plurality of data points related to the category, each data point comprises associated data regarding the category;

designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of chosen data points, not using an arithmetical pattern;

examining the data corresponding to the reference data point with the data corresponding to the chosen data point, thereby producing a data analysis.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim [[29]]28, further comprising the step of ordering the chosen data points prior to the examining step.

31. (Original) The method as described in claim 30, further

comprising the step of reporting the data analysis.

32. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim [[29]]28, wherein the category comprises finance.

33. (Original) The method as described in claim 32, wherein the associated data is chosen from the group consisting of sales data, inventory data, cost data, margin data, income tax data, depreciation data, and amortization data.

34. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing data of a category, the system comprising:

a means for obtaining a plurality of data points related to the category, each data point comprises associated data regarding the category;

a means for designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

a means for choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of chosen data points, not using an arithmetical pattern;

a means for examining the data corresponding to the reference data point with the data corresponding to the chosen data point, thereby producing a data analysis.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim [[35]]34, wherein the examining means comprises a means for ordering the chosen data points prior to examining the data.

37. (Original) The system as described in claim 36, further comprising a reporting means to report the data analysis.

38. (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim [[35]]34, wherein the category comprises finance.

39. (Original) The system as described in claim 38, wherein the

associated data is chosen from the group consisting of sales data, inventory data, cost data, margin data, income tax data, depreciation data, and amortization data.